60 years of age. As this is a matter primarily concerning the Government of Gujarat, the petition is being referred to the State Government for appropriate action.

(b) Information in this regard is not available.

TV sets and TV relay stations in the country

3172. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of T.V. Relay Stations in India;

(b) what percentage of population is covered by the T.V. Network;

(c) what is the number of T.V. sets operating in India;

(d) whether capacity of T.V. coverage is fully utilised, i.e. the potentiality of T.V. coverage shown is fully utilised by the number of T.V. sets;

(e) whether there is any shortfall of TV sets; if so, how it is proposed to be met; and

(f) whether Government have any proposal to provide cheaper T.Vs. for lower income group people, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) There are at present 185 TV transmitters in the country.

(b) It is estimated that about 69.7 per cent of the country's population is covered by this TV network.

(c) It is estimated that at present there are about 85 lakh TV sets in use in the country.

(d) This will depend on the availability of TV sets and growth in the purchasing power of the people. Provision of community viewing sets by State Governments and other local agencies will also help.

(e) A large number of industrial approvals for the organised sector as well as small scale sector have been issued and the Indian TV industry is meeting the demand.

(f) Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ET&T), a public sector undertaking under the Department of Electronics, is providing help to the TV set industry to produce colour TV sets at reasonable cost by supplying material procured by them in bulk along with necessary technology.

For lower income groups, ET&T through its Material Technology Brand Name (MTB) programme has made available 36 cm black and white TV sets at Rs. 1390 per set. There is no excise duty on these sets.

Promotion of emergency commissioned officers in C.R.P.F.

3173. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 89 posts of second-in-command in C.R.P.F. were upgraded to the rank of commandants consequent on Supreme Court verdict given in September, 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the yardstick for promotion to these upgraded posts was completely changed by the revised 12th DPC (Department Promotion Committee) as a result of which over 90 per cent of the ECOs were superseded and that only 47 posts have been filled so far;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government to fill the remaining posts of Commandants and also to restore the seniority of the persons who have been superseded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 88 posts of Assistant Commandants (Second-in-Command) were upgraded to that of Commandants (non-selection grade) to be utilised to the extent of requirement to prevent reversions.